

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

The state fair and a wedding of general interest gave some life to social circles this week. Parties to the state fair races are still popular. There were the usual merry companies of young people this week. But society continues dull and there is no immediate cause for belief that things will soon mend. The world's fair will continue to interfere with entertaining until November or later, and the business depression will, it is thought, affect society more or less seriously all winter. Of the weddings in prospect—and there are several—few will occur before spring.

Melaner-DePue.

The most notable function of the week in social circles was the beautiful ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Minnie DePue and Mr. George L. Melaner, which occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Webster, uncle and aunt of the bride, on J street, Tuesday evening. The house presented a beautiful appearance, being lavishly decorated with tropical plants and floral trimmings. Promptly at 8 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor preceded by two pretty little flower girls, Helen Laws and Louise Burnham, attired in white swiss. The bride was charming in handsome white bengaline with white lace and pearl trimmings. She carried a large bouquet of white roses. Miss Maude Hammond presided at the piano, playing Mendelssohn's wedding march very sweetly. The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward H. Curtis in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and a few friends of the family, and was followed by a wedding supper. Both young people are well known in Lincoln. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Nellie DePue. She is a graduate of the class of 1902 of the state university, and is a very attractive and accomplished young lady. Mr. Melaner holds a responsible position in the American Exchange National bank, and is one of the prominent young men of the city.

They were the recipients of many useful and costly presents. The groom's present to the bride was five shares of stock in the bank with which he is connected. Mr. and Mrs. Melaner left on the 10:30 train for the world's fair to remain about a week, after which they will visit Mr. Melaner's old home in Webster City, Ia. On their return they will occupy their handsome new residence, 1200 D street, and will be at home to their friends after October 16.

Among those present were Mr. Edgar Melaner and Miss Mary Melaner, brother and sister of the groom, of Webster City, Ia.; Mr. J. P. A. Black, of Bloomington, Neb.; Mr. Lucius Capp, of Hastings, Neb.; Miss Lyle Hoyer, of Falls City, Neb.; Mr. W. W. Webster and son Homer, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Webster, Mr. Joseph Webster, Mr. Richard Webster, Rev. and Mrs. Edward H. Curtis, Mrs. McClellan, Judge and Mrs. S. H. Pound, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirker, Mrs. Guy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Shilling, Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Fifer, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tremaine, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Dawes, Mr. G. M. Maitland, Professor and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blish, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Funke, Mr. W. J. Phelps, Miss Edith Burnham, Miss Lottie Clark, Miss Stella Kirker, Miss Gertrude Laws, Miss Maude Hammond, Miss Clara Hammond, Miss Pound, Miss Lizzie McClellan, Miss Josephine Tremaine, Miss Mattie Tremaine, Miss Nettie Osborn, Miss Edna Kirker, Miss Edna Tuttle, Miss Wing, Mr. Dan Wing, Mr. Grant Watkins, Mr. Bert Howie, Mr. Fred Howie, Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. Leroy Brown, Mr. Will Clark, Mr. Charles Clark, Mr. Harry Evans and Mr. Carl Frolick.

A Literary Luncheon.

A very notable luncheon was that given at the Union League club in Chicago Friday evening of last week, by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Field in honor of Miss Curtis, and Mr. Edward Bok, both of Philadelphia. The lady and gentleman named are affianced, and their nuptials will take place in the near future. Mr. Bok is the editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, of Philadelphia, and the prospective bride's father, W. K. Curtis, is the proprietor of the same journal. A number of ladies and gentlemen prominent in literary and theatrical circles were invited to meet the young people, and the affair was of more than ordinary attractiveness. The decorations of the tables were ferns and red roses. Miss Curtis' place was marked by a large bouquet of bride's roses. Mrs. S. G. Bok, of Philadelphia, sat on the right of the host, and Mrs. W. K. Curtis sat on the left. These ladies are the mothers of the young people that were especially complimented. At the conclusion of the luncheon there was an impromptu musicale. Mr. Field read "Cassidy's Tale of 'Mote' and 'Booth'." Sol Smith Russell recited "Nothin' to Say" and "The Dancin' Master." Mrs. John W. Hillman gave a whistling selection. The following were present: Messrs. and Mesdames Eugene Field and W. K. Curtis, of Philadelphia; Hart Taylor, J. W. Hillman and Mary E. Chapin, Boston; Misses Hart, Kate Maus,

Mary Magee, May F. Field, Georgia Cayvan, Kate Field, Grace Dunderdale, Curtis, Philadelphia, and Beatrice Dunderdale. Messrs. James W. Scott, Professor H. Boyesen, New York; Sol Smith Russell, Moses P. Handy, Paul de Chailu, M. E. Stone, A. C. Wilkie, Edward W. Bok, Philadelphia; Edward S. Willard, Franklin H. Head, and H. H. Kohlman.

Birthday Party.

Mrs. Eli D. Flint celebrated her twenty-eighth birthday at her residence 505 South Second street, Tuesday evening. After an elegant supper was disposed of the evening was spent with dancing and passed most pleasantly. The guests were: Mr. Diven, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawlor, Miss Mattie Diven, Mr. and Mrs. William Wetherald, Mr. R. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Langerman, Mr. and Mrs. Danek, Mr. Fisher of Utica, Mr. Norton, Miss O'Connell, Miss Wessel, Miss Johnson, Miss Annie McColly of Beaver Crossing, Mrs. T. L. Tackett of Tamora, Mrs. Gempshorn, of Wanetta, Mrs. Pullen, Mr. Jas. McNeil, Mr. Loupoup, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stopher, Miss Martha Boithner, Miss Ida Boithner, Mr. Ed Boithner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooley, Miss Annie Cooley, Mr. Jas. A. Condon, Mr. Chas. Shedot and others.

Musical and Dramatic Entertainment at the Western Normal.

A very entertaining musical, dramatic and elocutionary entertainment was given Wednesday evening at the Western Normal college. There was a very large attendance, including a great many state fair visitors, and the entertainment was a great success. Following is the program.

PROGRAMME:

Piano solo—Polonaise..... Chopin.
Mrs. C. W. Wallace.
Costume recital—"Laurens the Marble Dream"
Miss Venice Higgins..... Schumann.
Vocal solo—"The Two Grenadiers"..... Schumann.
Recitation—"The Christian Hero"..... Browning.
Violin solo—Romance..... Mendelssohn.
Miss Leticia Y. Haines.
Violin duet from "Hugobert"..... Meyerbeer.
Mr. Morris and Mrs. Leticia Gray.

PART II.

James Madison Morton's one act comedy,
"Lend Me Five Thillings."

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Mrs. Major Phibbs..... Miss Lucia W. Haines.
Mrs. Captain Phibbs..... Mr. A. M. Craig.
Captain Phibbs..... Mr. A. C. Wilson.
Captain Spruce..... Mr. A. M. Craig.
Norland..... Mr. J. G. Perkins.
Sam, a waiter..... Mr. J. J. Gleason.
Mr. O'Leighly..... Mr. W. J. Kinaley.
Tableau representing Grecian statuary.

Pioneer's Association.

The Territorial Pioneer association of Nebraska held its annual meeting at the Lincoln hotel Wednesday evening. The object of the meeting was made known in a few words by Mr. J. A. MacMurphy who acted as chairman. The following were elected: President, Robert W. Furnas; first vice-president, John W. Pray; second vice-president, Andrew S. Holladay; secretary, J. A. MacMurphy; assistant secretary, John Gillespie; treasurer, William R. Bowen. President Furnas announced the following as members of the executive committee: Byron Beall, William A. Gardner and J. T. Hoile. A committee was appointed to decide upon a more beautiful and euphonious name for Nebraskans than "Bug-Eaters" and report at the next meeting.

They Saw the Races.

The following merry party went out to the state fair races Wednesday afternoon in the band wagon: Misses Olive Latta, Grace Oakley, Mary Miller, Hallie Hooper, Mame Carson, Lily Tukey, of Omaha, Mae Burr, Nellie White, Messrs. Frank Burr, Guy Hurlbut, Harry Lansing, Fred Matthews, Matt Baldwin, Fred Houts, Pryor Markel Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Ladd.

Thursday afternoon, invariably the "big day" at the state fair, the band wagon was called into requisition. This time those who witnessed the races in this manner were: Misses Anne Funke, Hallie Hooper, Lillie Tukey, of Omaha, Rachel Brock, Grace Burr, Mae Burr, Messrs. Frank Burr, Pryor Markel, W. F. Meyer, W. B. Morrison, R. M. Joyce, Charles L. Burr.

Dorcas Club.

Several little girls in East Lincoln have formed an organization the object of which is to benefit poor children, and given it the name "Dorcas Club." The members of the club have spent the last two weeks making pen wipers and pin and needle cushions and doilies and then gave an entertainment at the residence of Mr. Thomas Marsland the other evening at which they sold their needle work for \$10.00. The members of this worthy organization are Fannie Marsland, Ella Marsland, Edith Lewis, Helen Woods, Edna Gund and Margie Loomis.

Theatre Party.

An informal theatre party witnessed the performance of the Ideal opera company Saturday evening. The party included Miss Mary Miller, Miss McMurtry, Mrs. T. W. Griffith, Miss Olive Latta, Miss Mae Burr, Mr. Robert Joyce, Mr. W. Farnham Smith, of Omaha, Mr. Matt Baldwin, Mr. Frank Burr, Mr. Mathews, of Chicago.

One O'clock Luncheon.

Mrs. A. A. Scott invited a number of young ladies to meet Miss Lyle Hoyer, of Falls City, at one o'clock luncheon on Monday last. Covers were laid for eight. Those present were: Miss Minnie Gaylord, Miss Leland, Miss Erb, Miss Carrie Leland, Miss Jennie Erb, Miss Maude Hammond and Miss Hoyer.

Y. P. S. C. E.

The city union of the society of Christian Endeavor met Wednesday

evening in the Y. M. C. A. parlors for the purpose of making arrangements for a reception to be given by the Y. P. S. C. E. to the students of the different colleges at an early date. A committee was appointed to invite the Epworth league and Baptist young people's society to take part in the reception and also to arrange a place and time for holding the same.

Minor Mention.

The state fair visitors were given an opportunity to witness an exhibition drill by the Lincoln light infantry on N street Wednesday evening.

The Lincoln light infantry company will give a dance to the Omaha guards at Lincoln park this evening, the dance will be followed by a banquet.

Two more Lincoln young ladies, prominent in society circles, assert that they will enter one of the Chicago hospitals for the purpose of becoming trained nurses.

There may be some nicer and cooler places to enjoy a plate of delicious ice creams than Chas. June's pavillion, but they are not to be found in this neighborhood.

The marriage of Mr. Jerome Westfall, of Montana, and Miss Ella Dewell will be solemnized at the residence of Professor Laurence Bruner on south Seventeenth street, next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. The bride is a cousin of Mrs. Bruner.

A small company of young people went to Lincoln park to witness the performance of the Ideal opera company Saturday evening. The participants were: Miss Nellie White, Miss Anna Funke, Miss Rachel Brock, Miss Hallie Hooper, Mr. Lew Marshall, Mr. Clarence Smith and Mr. George Woods.

As noted elsewhere there have been two deaths in the Englewood club since its organization. Mrs. Fairfield and Mrs. Zehrung, and it is rather singular fact that the funeral of Mrs. Fairfield in 1882 occurred from the same residence, the old Cropsey mansion, where the funeral services of Mrs. Zehrung, will be held tomorrow.

Cards have been received in this city announcing the wedding of Mr. Harry Heffelfinger and Miss Maude Loraine Plumb, in Marion, Ia., Tuesday September 5. Mr. Heffelfinger will be remembered by a number of Lincoln young people as a former resident of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Heffelfinger will be at home at the Drexel, Omaha, after October 1.

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Nebraska Conservatory of Music.

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Pen Artists.

There are four first-class pen artists at the Western Normal college, all of whom devote a large share of their time to teaching. Many specimens of their work were seen at the fair, and written cards were given away as rapidly as they could be turned out.

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The Lincoln Business college is making a great exhibit at the state fair and carrying off nearly all the prizes. It is without doubt the best place to prepare young men and women for business. The teachers employed are gentlemen of national reputation and thousands of its graduates in business testify to its superiority. Applications for admission received at the college, southwest corner Eleventh and O streets.

For rates and expenses of the Nebraska state band or orchestra apply at the Courier office, 1134 O street, telephone 253.

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